

HAMILTON HAPPENINGS

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GAME BIRDS DAMAGED WHILE IN CARE OF POLICE

And There's Some Talk of Prosecuting the Prosecutors in Last Saturday's Cock Fight.

HAMILTON, March 6.—(Special.)—There is an odd development in connection with the raid on the cock fight last Sunday morning at Waterdown, and an attempt is being made to have the agents of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, who laid the information in the case, as well as the police, prosecuted on a charge of cruelty to animals. The 15 birds seized were offered for sale by auction Saturday, and it was then discovered that nearly all of them were badly maimed, although taken from the cockpit in good condition. The police say that the birds injured themselves by fighting when they were being fed.

D. E. Lawlor of The Herald, who has joined the editorial staff of The Toronto Star, was presented with a traveling bag and umbrella by The Herald employees Saturday afternoon. Mrs. Helen Huested died today, at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. Temple, North Hughson-street.

George Catchpole died yesterday, at the home of his son, Rev. Mr. Catchpole, Selkirk. The remains will be brought here for interment Monday afternoon.

Wind and rainstorm. The thunderstorm this afternoon, followed by a severe windstorm. No serious damage was reported.

Donald Campbell, a real estate man who was formerly a bank manager in Toronto, was found dead in Dean's Hotel Saturday morning. He had been staying at the hotel about a week. Death was due to apoplexy.

The wholesale butchers will try to get the authorities to collect a transient traders' license fee from Martin Bros., Toronto, butchers, who have been selling meat here by the carload. The police commissioners will meet next Friday to appoint six new constables. They have not agreed upon a deputy chief.

Hamilton Interested. The government's new railway legislation is of special interest to Hamilton, because the radial secured from Barton Township the right to build on all the side lines of the township. Part of this district has been taken into the city.

County Constable Bolton shot a mad dog on the Plain-road. It is feared that it bit a number of horses and other farm stock.

The Gore Realty Company has purchased A. J. Angus' store, West King-street, paying \$25,000 for it.

J. I. Hobson, manager of the Bank of Hamilton branch at Owen Sound, will be assistant general manager of the merged Midland and Inland Navigation Companies, with offices at Hamilton.

John Thompson, 55 West Strachan-street, was caught last night stealing coal from a box at city weigh scales, Stuart and McNab-streets, by Constable Hill. Another man made his escape.

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North Bay Approved Muzzle Adopted by Board of Health and Agriculture. The following letter from the Toronto Humane Society is self-explanatory.

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Believe me, very truly, P. C. Laverton Harris.

BUFFALO REGIMENT COMING. BUFFALO, N.Y., March 6.—The men of the 6th Regiment are to have a treat during the coming summer, according to word received from Toronto yesterday and confirmed by officers of the Master Park regiment. On Wednesday, Aug. 31, the regiment will go to the Toronto fair and will stay there until the following Sunday, when it will return home.

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EARLY ELECTRIC STORM CUTS OFF CITY'S LIGHT

Disturbance Originating in Far West Passes Over Toronto—Cold Spell Promised.

Frequent flashes of chain lightning at frequent intervals, and thunder with vivid and distant mutterings, with sharp detonations which almost shook buildings to their foundations—these were the head-features of the weather program Sunday. The general opinion seemed to be that these spectacular disturbances were remarkable for early March, but the observatory experts ruled otherwise.

It is not unusual to have such storms at this time of the year, although it is two or three years since Toronto has been visited by one so early, said the observatory experts.

One, in fact, came as early as Feb. 8.

If the electric storm was not a phenomenon, it at least qualified as a mischief-maker. It was at its worst between 6 and 7 p.m., a time when the churchward movement was on. Not only did it give vent to a drenching, but it also put the Electrical Development Company's transmission lines out of business. It plunged the city into darkness, just when services were due to begin. Fortunately, the current was restored after 15 minutes interval. The only explanation forthcoming was that a lightning bolt had struck the wires at some point between Niagara and Toronto, making a ground connection and cutting off the power.

The street cars, of course, suffered, being stalled all over the route until the break was repaired. Manager of the electrically-lighted churches in darkness, just when services were due to begin. Fortunately, the current was restored after 15 minutes interval. The only explanation forthcoming was that a lightning bolt had struck the wires at some point between Niagara and Toronto, making a ground connection and cutting off the power.

The storm came all the way from British Columbia, say the men who scan the weather maps. It started east on Saturday, and last night it had all the lower lakes and Georgian Bay district in its grip. It took in Lake Erie, and Buffalo reported conditions similar to those in Toronto. It then moved eastward, being evenly set on a trans-continental tour.

Out west a colder spell has followed in the wake of the storm, and the local outlook is for fair weather and a lowered temperature. The mean temperature, following a steady rise of about 15 degrees above the average for the date, but since March began, has been running at a considerably above the normal.

A RUSH FOR RUBBER

Reckless Speculation in Other Shares—The Cause.

LONDON, March 6.—The rubber boom, instead of declining after a period of rapid inflation, is acquiring increased momentum. New issues have been floated and projects for additional companies with all-gilt-edged prospects are being put forward. The tendency of prices is still upward, and there is now something like a mania for investment in rubber shares.

Mining Lane brokers, dealing originally with the product and now with company shares, have formed what is practically a rubber exchange in a corner of the Commercial Lane Rooms. The tea breakers have joined the group, because the East India and other tropical belts rubber and tea go together, and an immense amount of business is transacted both morning and afternoon without the intervention of jobbers. The formation of this rubber exchange has tended to develop and systematize the dealings in shares and promote speculation in what is now the popular fancy. The facility with which the stock promoters and dealers talk about the steady expansion of the motor industry and the enormous supplies needed for tires helps on the rubber boom.

While the depression of consols has increased with the financial mismanagement of the treasury and the prospect of an indefinite prolongation of the period of government borrowing, there are signs of a revival of the spirit of speculation in the market by the operations of small investors. A large number of small investors have already been drawn into the market by the operations of small investors. The calculations of paper profits and the fascination of an excitement not distinguishable from gambling.

One cause of this speculative activity is the suspension of the income tax. Millions are temporarily on deposit in the banks awaiting notices from the internal revenue collectors, and the temptation of small investors to take rubber shares is shown by the fact that they are not more reckless than the government itself, which is borrowing money at high rates, when it might have it on call without interest.

KING TO REVIVE HIS BRIDGE

Will Play a Lot on His Way to Biarritz, Says Cable.

LONDON, March 6.—The King will leave London to-morrow for the south of France will be relieved by rubbers at bridge, as he has just had a special card table installed in his private car, which is so perfectly balanced that no vibration is felt. It has been noticed lately that the King's interest in the game is waning. He no longer sits at a card table for the whole evening. During the journey to Biarritz he intends to revive his interest in bridge.

Spring is in the air in London. The lawns of Hyde Park are strewn with white, yellow and purple crocus blossoms, and the flower beds are crowded with people getting the sunshine after the short, moderate winter. Society has fully awakened from its lethargy and entertainments are crowding each other.

Hop, Chas. Murphy will address the Brockville Liberals on April 8.

HOW POLICE "FIGHT" MOB IN THE CRADLE OF LIBERTY

Vivid Description of Saturday's Strike Riot in Independence Square—Women Were Treated as Roughly as the Men.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., March 6.—High up in the belfry of Independence Hall Saturday afternoon a bell tolled the hour. The sound tolled softly over a square dedicated to liberty. Few heard it.

There were 20,000 people struggling with policemen. There was a continuous rumble of angry voices. At times a voice started suddenly from this ugly chorus—the scream of a woman or the harsh yell of men cursing and police.

On all sides of the pleasant old square there was a furious clattering of hoofs. Mounted men were driving their horses savagely into the stubborn crowds. With the bell of Independence Hall still ringing in one's ears the chorus seemed an ugly illusion, but it was viciously real to the eyes.

Automobile patrol wagons crammed with heavily armed policemen raced around the square, stopping here and there to break up a riotous group or swinging their clubs right and left. On the far side you saw a company of mounted men, substitutes for the black hussars of the State Constabulary, patrolling the square, then reform, take the word of command and lunge into the crowds.

You saw men go sprawling on their faces from the blow of a club or the irresistible shove of a horse. You saw in one flash women who were wearing colors of spring shaking their fists at the police riders, their faces distorted with anger, their tongues flaring in profanity. Next instant these women were lost in a whirl of bodies as the shock of horses meeting solid masses threw everything into confusion.

Perhaps, a little later, you saw women picking themselves up from their hands and knees, their dresses torn, their hats a shabby burlesque of millinery that had come later in the day, when cars were stoned in the heart of the city, passengers injured by showers of bricks and stones, and when the police seemed unable to check or overcome the squads of strikers that marched arrogantly through the streets.

Other principal streets, Philadelphia is very thankful that no blood was shed in the great crowd in Independence-square.

Holiday Crowd Confront the Police. The crowd assembled peacefully. It is probable that in all the 20,000 there were not 1000 of the striking union labor men. Men and women of all ages, in the newspapers in the morning, the mayor had forbidden the strikers to assemble in the square to listen to speeches in Independence Hall.

It was a half holiday. The day was extremely beautiful. Among the people were women carrying babies. With the knowledge that a police had ordered to ride down looters, it gave one a shiver to see them.

Shortly after noon the thousands began to drift about Chestnut and Walnut-streets, filling the sidewalks and to enter the square. The mood of the citizens was merry. At first the police shepherded them easily. They carried on their way, and the men obeyed the shouted orders of the men. But presently the crowd became so heavily entrenched in the square that the policemen were unable to impress their orders to ride down looters.

Without doubt had the people been left entirely alone they would have dispersed at length without disorder because the much advertised parade of strikers had been called off. To Independence-square. The labor union bosses took warning from Reburn's proclamation and Clay's warning that the police would not waste time in arguing who owned the streets.

Negro Policemen Came First. At the most unfavorable moment just when the crowd was losing the edge of its good humor, an automobile patrol wagon swung into the square, its siren jangling wildly. Twenty negro policemen, wearing new uniforms and swinging clubs, leaped from the wagon, grinning widely.

From the other side of the square appeared two troops of mounted policemen, capable looking fellows on fair horses. The troops wheeled and dispersed one trailing down the chestnut-street side, one taking the Walnut. The crowd gaped, laughed and threw jokes at the negro policemen.

An order was given to clear the square. The foot patrolmen, most of them new men and unused to the task of hustling folks deliriously, spread out thru the crowd like the ribs of a fan. Just how the trouble began nobody knows, but in two minutes after the command was given to sweep Independence Square, the Plaza was seething with mounted policemen by twos and threes rode their horses along stone walks that border the cradle of liberty, driving men and women mad.

Mounted policemen did not drive swiftly, clubs helped their speed. Half a hundred boys, yelling likeimps, half crazy with the excitement of their own recklessness, jeered a squad of mounted policemen.

ed men, threw gravel at them and suddenly turned up and ran for the brick arches between Independence Hall and Congress Hall. The troops dashed after them. The slower-footed felt the weight of clubs on their heads.

Orator Rudely Squelched. All over the square were individual encounters with the policeman. A stout man who had been rapped swung his fist against the policeman's face. Sympathizers whirled up behind the man. The policeman was rescued by a mounted man, who dragged him to a patrol wagon.

Another, wildly excited, sprang on the pedestal of a statue of fellow citizens who were extremely busy with their own affairs. The policeman snatched him and dragged him to a patrol wagon.

After a half hour of this kind of thing, the police began to clear the square. They rode down so rapidly that he left half a dozen hanging in the air. A mounted man at thirty paces the police man gridded the square. They rode fast and hard. It is not to be supposed that they deliberately suppressed the women. Their orders were to clear the square and they were obeying. They did it despite curses, screams and threats.

After a half hour of the roughing Independence Square was emptied, but the police had much of their work to repeat in Washington Square. The people away from the square were not so peaceful. Around Independence Square the horse tops were covered with witnesses of the exciting Saturday afternoon. From the windows heads were popping by the hundreds.

Cars Riddled With Stones. Unpleasant as events in Independence-square, the incidents of riotousness in the business streets that followed were much worse. Within a few steps from the big department stores and hotels strikers, armed with stones, broke and the passengers were in fear of their lives.

JOHN GILLSON DEAD

Prominent in East, Middlesex Politics for Many Years.

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The late Mr. Gillson was defeated for the Dominion House by Peter Elton, M.P., and in the last Ontario elections by George Neely, M.L.A. He was deputy-revee of the township last year.

He had been educated for the Methodist ministry, but was never ordained.

Jesse Ketchum Harris. Jesse Ketchum Harris, a grandson of the late Jesse Harris, died on Saturday at his home, 177 West King-street, of pneumonia, after a short illness. He had been ill about two months. The late Mr. Harris was born 77 years ago in a Bay-street, his father being the first minister of Knox Church, who came to Toronto in 1829. He had been educated for the Methodist ministry, but was never ordained.

Mrs. J. T. Sunderland. Word has been received of the death at Stamford, Conn., of Mrs. Eliza Sunderland, wife of Rev. J. T. Sunderland, former pastor of the Unitarian Church in New York City. She was given as the cause of death. Deceased moved with her husband to Hartford about 10 years ago. She was prominent in social reform work, and in educational movements, and shortly after going to Hartford was elected a member of the board of education, defeating an old and popular member. A son, the late Mr. Sunderland, was a professor at the University of Ann Arbor University, a married daughter lives in Detroit, and an unmarried daughter at home. Rev. J. T. Sunderland conducted a memorial service at the Unitarian Church last night for Mrs. Sunderland.

Frank McDougall. OTTAWA, March 6.—(Special.)—The death occurred this morning of Frank McDougall, father of D. J. McDougall, Ottawa's Liberal representative in the Ontario Legislature. Mr. McDougall was one of the prominent business men of the capital, occupied the chief magistracy's chair in the early nineties.

Charles F. Aaron. NEW YORK, March 6.—Word was received here to-day of the death at Plainfield, N.J., Saturday night, of Charles F. Aaron. Death resulted from heart failure, following an operation.

Mr. Aaron was general manager of the New York Leather Belting Company, and until last May was president of the American Machine and Supply Manufacturers' Association. He was one of its kind in the country, and representing companies with a combined capital of \$800,000,000.

At Winnipeg—John Fletcher, ex-M.L.A., for Ontario, died at 77. He was twenty-three years a Dominion legislator in Manitoba, aged 77.

A TRAVELER'S SUICIDE. Shoots Himself Soon After Arrival in New Glasgow Hotel.

HALIFAX, N.S., March 6.—(Special.)—Walter B. Scott, a commercial traveler for Frothingham and Workman, hard-ware merchants of Montreal, shot himself in a room of the Norfolk Hotel, New Glasgow, to-night, a few minutes after his arrival.

No known reason is given for the act other than that he was drinking heavily of late. He was 29 years old, and a native of St. John, where his wife lives.

The Peruvian cabinet have resigned.

AMUSEMENTS.

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LONDON IS FOR PROGRESS IN THE COUNTY COUNCIL Progressive Party Gain 21 Seats in Saturday's Election For the Council.

LONDON, March 6.—The ratepayers Saturday elected county councillors, who control and manage the affairs of the metropolis.

The Municipal Reform party, or Moderates, as they used to be called, who have governed London well and economically for the last three years, failed to maintain the advantage they gained over the Progressives three years ago, after having been out for 15 years.

The new London County Council now consists of 58 Municipal Reformers, 55 Progressives and 3 Laborites, the Progressives having a net gain of 21.

The Municipal Reformers have to thank their own apathy for this falling away. With a general election just over and another one looked for by midsummer the man in the street is sat with politics.

It is always difficult for some Londoners to interest themselves in municipal politics, and it is the Reform party that suffers most from this. With the newly elected council now evenly balanced it should be possible to keep a check on Progressive socialism and extravagance of various sorts.

VACCINATION UNPOPULAR Statistics From Great Britain Show Stronger Opposition.

LONDON, March 6.—The rapid growth of the objection to vaccination in Great Britain is shown by the latest statistics. In the year 1908, 235,328 births were registered and the certificates of declarations of conscientious objections to vaccination numbered 42,291, or 5.6 per cent.

In 1907 the certificates of objection amounted to 6.2 per cent. of the births, and in 1906 to 11.2 per cent. In the first six months of last year, 1909, they reached 18 per cent.

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